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### **14 GUILTY PLEAS IN NAVAJO BOOTLEGGING CASES**

**FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on October 2, 2003, four more defendants arrested in the August 2003, Operation Bootleg entered guilty pleas. RAY YAZZIE, (2/27/1960), of Tuba City, Arizona, CYNTHIA NEZ, (6/2/1976), of Tuba City, Arizona, SYLVIA SMITH (4/6/1958), of Kayenta, Arizona, and PAULINE BEGODY, (4/28/1952), of Tuba City, Arizona, each pled guilty to one count of Bootlegging, in federal magistrate court in Flagstaff, Arizona.

YAZZIE, NEZ, SMITH and BEGODY, had each been charged, in separate criminal complaints, with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 1154(a). YAZZIE, NEZ, SMITH and BEGODY were each sentenced to pay a \$500 fine and serve one year supervised probation. The terms of probation also include completing 100 hours of community service.

To date 14 of the 27 people arrested during Operation Bootleg have entered guilty pleas.

The investigation preceding the complaint was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Flagstaff Office) and the Navajo Nation Police Department.

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The prosecutions are being handled by Joseph J. Lodge and Mark E. Aspey, Assistant United States Attorneys, District of Arizona, Flagstaff, Arizona.

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